

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. R-08-03

INTRODUCED BY: City Councilmembers

DATE INTRODUCED: March 17, 2008

DATE AMENDED: March 17, 2008

ENACTED: March 17, 2008

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STATE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION MD/704 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGHWAY
SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Maryland State Highway Administration has proposed a project that consists of the restriping each direction of MD 704 from three lanes to two lanes as a traffic calming measure to slow down vehicles in Seat Pleasant; and

WHEREAS additional improvements will include reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ramps, grinding and resurfacing the existing roadway, additional landscaping, signage improvements, utility relocations and adjustments, drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS these improvements will enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS SHA crash data confirms:

**CRASH DATA: HILL ROAD TO EASTERN AVENUE
JANUARY 2004 – JULY 2007 (42 MONTHS)**

- 193 police reported accidents
- 69 police reported accidents with injuries
- **TWO FATALITIES**
- 4.6 accidents per month
- 1.6 accidents with injuries per month

WHEREAS SHA vehicular traffic studies – current statistics Hill Road to Eastern Avenue has concluded:

SHA STANDARD – 1,250 VEHICLES PER LANE PER HOUR

MD-704/MLK JR HWY FROM HILL ROAD TO EASTERN AVENUE

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- 1,000 vehicles in one direction during PEAK hours
- 3 lanes in each direction
- 333 vehicles per lane per PEAK hour

WITH LANE REDUCTION FROM 3 TO 2 LANES

- 1,000 vehicles in one direction during PEAK hours
- 2 lanes in each direction
- 500 vehicles per lane per PEAK hour

2.5 times BELOW the SHA standard

WHEREAS citizens of the City of Seat Pleasant have participated in numerous civic and community meetings for over 20 years to discuss their concerns about safety and beautification issues along Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway; and

WHEREAS SHA will invest \$4.2 million dollars into this project.

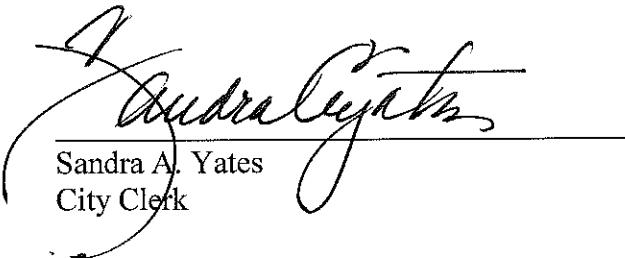
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Seat Pleasant City Council that the City Council supports the State Highway Administration MD-704, Martin Luther King, Jr., Highway Safety Enhancement project and will advocate to State and County elected officials to support this project.

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION effective this 17th day of March 2008.



Elenora Simms
City Council President

ATTEST:



Sandra A. Yates
City Clerk